

REMARKS

Claims 1-32 were originally pending in the present application. Subsequently, claims 1-28 were elected for prosecution. Claims 29-32 are thus withdrawn.

Claim 1-14, 16-23 and 26-28 were rejected in the aforementioned Office action. Claims 15, 24 and 25 were objected to but deemed to contain allowable subject matter. Claims 1, 7, 13-14 and 23 are hereby amended, and claims 12, 15 and 24 are cancelled. Claims 1-11, 13-14, 16-23 and 25-28 thus remain pending as amended. Consideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Specification

The specification was objected to for the Abstract section not being on a separate page. Applicants are unable to verify this, however, hereby amend the specification by deleting the Abstract section as currently stated, and replacing it with the same language on a new page following the last pending claim. This objection is thus believed to be avoided.

Claims

1. Definiteness

Claim 7 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, for being indefinite by reciting "it" in place of an recited element of the claims. Claim 7 is hereby amended to expressly recite the "retainer shoe" element, and thus this rejection is believed to have been overcome.

2. Novelty/Non-obviousness

Claims 1-3, 18-19, 22-23, 26 and 28 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Nagy. Additionally, claims 4-11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious in light of Nagy and Keene, et al., claims 12-14, 16-18 and 26 were rejected as obvious in light of Nagy and Atencio, and claims 20-21 were rejected as obvious in light of Nagy and Cielker, et al.

However, claims 15, 24 and 25 were deemed to recite allowable subject matter. Independent claim 1 is hereby amended to recite that the inner periphery

of the housing defines a plurality of convex hand grips having raised ribs. Thus, the subject matter of allowable dependent claim 15 has been incorporated into independent claim 1, as has the multiple hand grips and convex subject matter of intervening claims 12 and 14. Claim 15 and intervening claim 12 have thus been cancelled. Claim 13 has been amended to depend directly from amended claim 1 and the claim 14 has been amended to remove the "convex" subject matter incorporated into amended claim 1. Thus, while not all limitations of the intervening claims have been incorporated into amended claim 1, it is believed to contain the subject matter deemed pertinent by the Office such that it is now believed to distinguish over the prior art of record.

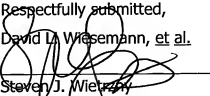
The subject matter of allowable claim 24, now cancelled, has been incorporated into amended independent claim 23 in its entirety, and thus amended claim 23 and dependent claims 25-28 are now believed to be allowable.

Conclusion

Claims 1-11, 13-14, 16-23 and 25-28 are now believed to be in allowable form. Allowance of these claims is thus respectfully requested. The Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned at the stated telephone number should any additional issues be raised by the Office.

No fees are believed due for consideration of this response. However, any fees deemed necessary should be charged to Deposit Account No. 17-0055.

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